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resolution and his motion to suspend the rules, is there any discussion? There is no discussion are you, Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Take Rasmussen first, would you please?

SPEAKER: Senator Rasmussen, Senator Snyder yielded to you.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I know Senator Snyder's feeling on this suspension of the rules and we just visited here about it, but I'm going to leave my suspension for the rules stand Mr. Speaker and try and get a vote on it today.

SPEAKER: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. Speaker and fellow members, just very brief, I just returned from Washington D. C. last night and I would say that this resolution might have some impact because of the hearing that is scheduled for February 1st, 2nd and excuse me the next Monday and Tuesday, whichever dates that is. I will, my intentions is to attend the hearing on February 2nd back there, but I do think there is some imput that might be desireable to be used now and I think if we were to do it, I think, by speeding it up, I think it would have more impact back there, so I'm just getting in my version and thank you.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and members of the body, regretfully so, but I am going to object to suspending the rules to take up LR 11, I visited with Senator Rasmussen, made a request to him that we handle this resolution in it's, in an orderly fashion, my contention is the something I've contended for three years, if we are going to make the first order of business after final reading the suspension of rules, we're going to continue to leave ourselves open to criticism. In a quick reading of LR 11 I find somethings that I could agree with, some that I might wish to disagree with to a small extent, but the nature of the resolution is favorable to me. I just don't like the idea of us opening shop every morning and suspending the rules as if everything is in a dire emergency. I think that this is a good example of an issue that the 49 of us, although elected, I personally don't feel that I can on every issue be an expert and shut off any testimony from my own constituents plus those of the other districts. I know the issue at hand, but I think that there are people throughout the state who might like to have some say in this resolution. They might be able to strengthen it in fact. Again I certainly do not oppose Senator Rasmussen, his idea here, but I do oppose to suspending the rules at every whim and turn and I would hope that we would get ourselves on an even keel here, beginning with a couple of bills we have already discussed, including LR 11 and any subsequent thoughts that any member might have about suspending the rules for the sake of expediency. I think the strength of the unicameral system lies in it's public hearings, serving as the first house as we know of two house government, and it's my honest contention that if we shut off public hearings and allow the people to come forward and give us their view points, that we are indeed weakening this great institution that we so love here, the unicameral legislature in Nebraska. Enough said, I again apologize to Senator Rasmussen, but I believe strongly in having public hearings, unless it is of a dire emergency and I don't think this is an emergency.

SPEAKER: Senator Rasmussen do you care to close? Now as I understand the motion I believe this is proper, it's for a suspension of the rules to take up the resolution, so we'll first vote on whether or not we are going to suspend the rules, that takes 30 votes and if the motion prevails then we will vote on the resolution. Senator Rasmussen.